

REMARKS

Although a Second Preliminary Amendment (dated June 12, 2002) was filed in this case, the Office Action mailed September 24, 2002 does not indicate that this Second Preliminary Amendment was received and considered by the Examiner. Such an acknowledgment is requested.

Claims 68 to 70 have been cancelled. Claims 20 to 67 are pending in this application. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended, and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action mailed September 24, 2002, it was indicated that claims 20 to 67 were allowed.

Claims 68 to 70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 1023(a) as being anticipated by European Patent Office document EP 0682571 ("Sundholm"). In view of the cancellation of claims 68 to 70, this rejection is now moot.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are currently due. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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